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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Sirs,

The proposed settlement is not going to be successful.

What needs to be done in its place is to require Microsoft to support an open, standards-body-based document-interchange format for all of their office productivity applications, rather than allowing them to continue to control the office productivity market through their control of de-facto "standard" document formats. This will allow real competition in the office productivity suite market.

Also, there needs to be an appointed, single, powerful, special master: one knowledgeable individual with the experience to understand Microsoft's evasive tactics and the power to force their compliance with the terms of the settlement.

Thank you, James Kelly 7912 Horseshoe Trail, Orange, California